

Milwaukee County

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THE NEXT STEP IN PRESERVING MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S PARKS

Assembly Committee approves bill allowing dedicated funding for parks and culture

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Gerry Broderick and State Representative Christine Sinicki released the following joint statement after the Assembly Ways and Means Committee approved a bill giving Milwaukee County the option to impose a dedicated sales tax for parks and culture in Milwaukee County:

"This is a step in the right direction, and we commend the Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Gary Hebl, and Committee members for taking this action on behalf of the more than 200,000 Milwaukee County voters who approved a sales tax advisory referendum in 2008. We applaud those who voted in favor of advancing this important legislation. Thank you for recognizing the importance of providing this dedicated funding to lower property taxes in Milwaukee County.

"We encourage all members of the Assembly to follow this lead and provide the dedicated funding necessary to preserve Milwaukee County's parks and cultural assets for future generations. Citizens from all corners of Milwaukee County, including both inner-city and suburban residents, appreciate the strong impact that parks, recreation and culture have on their quality of life."

Representative Sinicki and Senator Lena Taylor are the lead sponsors of the bill.